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In re Application of: Borthwick et al.

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THEREOF AS FACTOR XA INHIBITORS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the attached application as follows:

For the purposes of adding the priority information, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

Abstract begins on page 6. Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice.